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## EKU Use of Perfins by State

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Richard Learn (#3265 deceased) was the first chronicler of the early use of perfin patterns. His compilation of the EKU (earliest known use) of perfins in each of the 50 states plus D.C. and Puerto Rico was first published in the March 2000 *Bulletin*. This list was updated and published in the September 2001 *Bulletin*. With Richard's death, the driving force behind this listing lost energy. In addition, I am unsure from the published record whether his first list was compiled from examples in his personal collection and then was subsequently updated through member correspondence, and further, I have no idea whether his collection of EKU covers was purchased outright and remains intact or if it was broken up through auction or other sale.

Regardless of the disposition of Richard's material, Bob Szymanski, with his reflections on the Madison convention published earlier in this issue of the *Bulletin*, has resurrected interest in his list.

At Bob's suggestion I am publishing a slightly updated version of that EKU list. All patterns are numbered according to the 1997 Randall version of the U. S. perfin catalog, with two identifications (that for New York's and Washington's first pattern used) being problematic. Anyone with earlier usages should contact either Bob or the *Bulletin* editor (see back page for either address).

| State                | Date         | Pattern    | Catalog Number |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| Alabama              | 13 Apr 1909  | AB/&A      | A51            |
| Alaska               | 16 July 1913 | WP/&/YR    | W171           |
| Arizona              | 15 Mar 1912  | NYL        | N113A1         |
| Arkansas             | 26 Aug 1912  | NYL        | N113Aa6        |
| California           | 23 Jul 1908  | RIC(o)/LD  | R87            |
| Colorado             | 7 Apr 1909   | (C)T((C)o) | C344           |
| Connecticut          | 20 Mar 1909  | P&F/C      | P252           |
| Delaware             | 6 Oct 1909   | PRR/Co     | P199           |
| District of Columbia | 20 Jan 1909  | NCI        | N49            |
| Florida              | 1 May 1909   | FEC/R.Y.   | F68            |
| Georgia              | 9 Feb 1909   | SAL        | S29            |
| Hawaii               | 17 Feb 1938  | T.H.       | T47            |
| Idaho                | 17 Sept 1911 | OR/&N      | O69            |
| Illinois             | 26 May 1908  | BFC/Co     | B110           |
| Indiana              | 25 Sept 1908 | K          | K4             |
| Iowa                 | 3 May 1909   | BL(A)      | B152           |
| Kansas               | 1 Oct 1909   | IHC        | 143.7-C9       |
| Kentucky             | 6 May 1909   | SO         | S195-31        |
| Louisiana            | 25 Jun 1909  | ML         | M152           |
| Maine                | 6 Apr 1910   | NE/T& T    | N76            |
| Maryland             | 7 Sep 1908   | BBH        | B53            |
| Massachusetts        | 22 May 1908  | WFS/Co     | W91            |
| Michigan             | 28 Aug 1908  | FORD       | F145           |
| Minnesota            | 13 Jul 1908  | W(PC)      | W158           |
| Mississippi          | 19 Jun 1931  | IC         | 122            |
| Missouri             | 3 Jul 1908   | SH/Co      | S138           |
| Montana              | 2 Aug 1909   | DU/PONT    | D129           |
| Nebraska             | 2 Dec 1908   | PRR/Co     | P199           |
| Nevada               | 24 Dec 1931  | WP         | W155           |
| New Hampshire        | 21 Sep 1911  | BoE        | B176           |
| New Jersey           | 27 Jun 1908  | K&E/Co     | K69            |

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| New Mexico     | 4 May 1911   | MS       | M227                                    |
| New York       | 30 June 1908 | TG&/TCo  | <del>T</del> 43.7<br>?T43.5, T44 or T45 |
| North Carolina | 19 Apr 1909  | LT       | L148                                    |
| North Dakota   | 25 Nov 1908  | [SL]     | S170                                    |
| Ohio           | 12 Aug 1908  | BFG/Co   | B118                                    |
| Oklahoma       | 5 May 1910   | RI       | R75                                     |
| Oregon         | 27 May 1910  | CUD/AHY  | C356.1                                  |
| Pennsylvania   | 29 Oct 1908  | P/(C(o)) | P50                                     |
| Puerto Rico    | 6 May 1913   | SP/&Co   | S235.5                                  |
| Rhode Island   | 3 Aug 1909   | BY/Co    | B250                                    |
| South Carolina | 4 Jan 1912   | [TRT]    | T87                                     |
| South Dakota   | 21 Mar 1916  | IHC      | 143.7-1                                 |
| Tennessee      | 21 Apr 1909  | L&N/RR   | L187                                    |
| Texas          | 22 Mar 1909  | SW/TT    | S322A                                   |
| Utah           | 5 Aug 1911   | BAU/ER   | B27                                     |
| Vermont        | 13 Jul 1911  | RUT/LAND | R138                                    |
| Virginia       | 14 Sep 1909  | IHC      | 143.7-6                                 |
| Washington     | 16 Oct 1908  | PD       | <del>P</del> 53.3<br>?P54 or 55.**      |
| West Virginia  | 28 Dec 1909  | IHC      | 143.7A-17                               |
| Wisconsin      | 26 Sep 1908  | Y&L      | Y10                                     |
| Wyoming        | 19 Aug 1909  | PRR/Co   | P199                                    |

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